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**From: Ronald Harris**  
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MICHAEL W. DOBBINS  
CLERK, U. S. DISTRICT COURT

**To: Hon. John W. Darrah**  
**219 South Dearborn Street**  
**Chicago, Illinois 60604**

September 7th, 2011

**Re: Harris v. Dart, 10 C 6666, Harris v. Dart, 11 C 379, and Harris v. Dart, 11 C 380;**

Dear Judge Darrah:

The above referenced cases are pending before the Court. On or about July 20, 2011, I wrote to the Clerk requesting a status on the above cases, the Clerk responded by sending me a status on August 4, 2011, attached with the latest docket entry in my cases. **(see attached)**

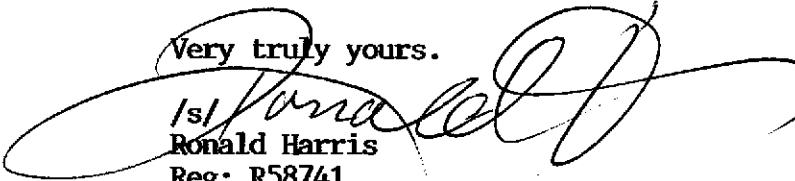
The latest docket entry for Harris v. Dart, 10 C 6666 "(6/16/2011) minute 32 entry before Honorable John W. Darrah: status hearing and ruling on motion hearing held. Plaintiff's motion for appointment of counsel is granted 27", The Court appointed **Randall Lee Oyler (Mr. Oyler) Barack, Ferrazzano, Kirschbaum, Perlman & Nagelberg, of 333 West Wacker Drive, Suite 2700, Chicago, Ill 60606, (312) 984-3100**, to represent the plaintiff. The Court also appointed Mr. Oyler in the other two related cases by the plaintiff, Harris v. Dart, 11 C 379 and 11 C 380 Harris v. Dart. **(see attached entry order)**

The status hearing dates for the cases was set for August 30, 2011, at 9:30 a.m.. As of the above date, I have not received any form of confirmation from Mr. Oyler of his representation, in fact, on August 18, 2011, I wrote Mr. Oyler at the address provided by the Court on it's minute entry (32) (see attached letter and docket entry) the letter was returned clearly stating **"return to sender"**, I also called the number

indicated on the docket entry provided in the minute entry, only to be told it was the wrong number. Enclosed are courtesy copies of:

- Letter from the Plaintiff to Randall Lee Oyler;
- Docket Entry Sheet of the above cases provided by the Clerk; and
- Response to plaintiff request from the Clerk.

Very truly yours.

/s/   
Ronald Harris

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Enclosure

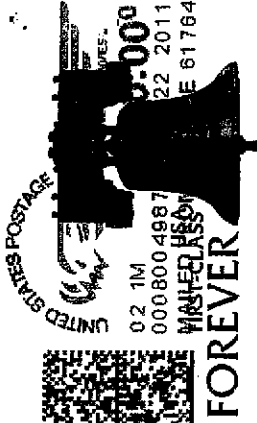
cc: Donna M. Lach

Assistant State's Attorney

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To: Randall Lee Oylar, Barack, Ferrazzano, Kirschbaum,  
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Chicago, Illinois 60606  
Att: Mr. Randal

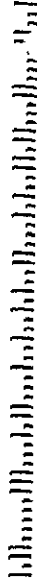
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**UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT**

**NORTHERN DISTRICT OF ILLINOIS**

**219 SOUTH DEARBORN STREET**

**CHICAGO, ILLINOIS 60604**

**MICHAEL W. DOBBINS**  
CLERK

**\*Prisoner Correspondence**

Date: 8-4-11

In response to your enclosed request, please see the box or boxes checked:

- ☐ This court does not have the requested forms. Check with your law library or the public library.
- ☐ Communications to the court (such as letters sent to the judge) without a certificate of service showing that you mailed copies to all parties are what the law calls "ex parte" and will not be considered by the court. All court filings must be in the form of pleadings, with the case name, number, and caption, and served on opposing parties, in order to comply with FED. R. CIV. P. 5. Any requests for court action must be made by motion (such as "motion for an extension of time"). **No judge's name should appear on the outside of the envelope; letters should be addressed to the Clerk of Court (in care of the Prisoner Correspondent, if you are incarcerated).**
- ☐ The enclosed material contains no case number or case title. Without that information the document cannot be processed. Accordingly, the material you submitted to this office is being returned to you. See FED. R. CIV. P. 10(a).
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- ☐ As the court has previously ordered, you must pay the full filing fee, in installments if so ordered, for all cases filed in this court, and for any appeals to the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Seventh Circuit.
- ☐ Check with the trust fund officer at your institution to determine the status of payment of your court filing fees.
- ☐ Status request. As of this date, the Court has taken no further action on the requested case. When an order is entered, you will be promptly notified by mail.
- ☒ Status request: Attached is the latest docket entry in your case.
- ☐ It is the responsibility of the party filing the documents to serve the opposing side and to file a certificate of service indicating who was served, who made the service, when and how this service was made. For the above reasons, your service copies are being returned to you. See FED. R. CIV. P. 5.
- ☐ Please be advised that we are not attorneys and are prevented by federal law from answering questions of a legal nature. We are also prohibited from interpreting the rules. You should direct your questions to an attorney who will be able to give you the legal advice you seek, or to contact the law library at your institution. We regret that we cannot assist you in this matter.

\*The Prisoner Correspondence Office is the part of the Clerk's Office, which processes all mail from inmates.

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- ☐ Pursuant to Local Rule 5.6 (N.D. Ill.), no pleading, motion [except for motion to intervene], or other document shall be filed in any case by any person who is not a party thereto, unless approved by the court. Without such an order, the clerk shall not accept any document sent in by a person who is not a party.
- ☐ We cannot comply with your request to backdate-stamp your documents. If you want received-stamped copies returned to you, they must be received at the time of filing. Accordingly, your documents are being returned to you.
- ☐ You filed your case under an alias, and not the name under which you are incarcerated. Your mail at the institution must be addressed to you under your institutional name. Therefore, unless you inform the court in writing of your correct name, and ask the court to remove your alias name, you will not receive any further notices from the court.
- ☐ Other: \_\_\_\_\_  
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**From:** Ronald Harris  
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**To:** Randall Lee Oyler, Barack, Ferrazzano, Kirschbaum,  
Perlman & Nagelberg, 333 West Wacker Drive, Suite  
2700, Chicago, IL, 60606 (312) 984-3100

**Att: Mr. Randall Lee Oyler:**

**August 18, 2011**

**In re:** Civil case numbers 10 C6666, 11 C0379, and 11 C0380.

Dear Mr. Oyler:

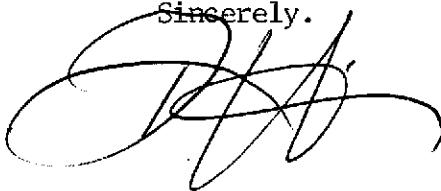
After not receiving status on the above case numbers, I contacted the Clerk of the United States District Court, on August 4, 2011 requesting an status, I was sent a docket entry sheet, that informed me that your firm/you was appointed by the Court to represent me in Civil case numbers 10 C6666, on June 16, 2011. [32 minute entry before Honorable John W. Darrah]

On June 20, 2011, the Court also appointed you to represent me in two related cases. 11 C0379, Harris v. Dart, and 11 C0380, Harris v. Dart.

As of the above date, I have not received confirmation from you, of this representation. Please inform me of your position regarding this matter.

Thank you in advance for your attention and help.

Sincerely.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'RH' or similar initials, written over the word 'Sincerely.'

10 C 6666 (Judge Darrah)

06/08/2011 26 MINUTE entry before Honorable John W. Darrah: The Clerk is directed to issue alias summons to Officer Martierie, and the U.S. Marshal is directed to make all reasonable efforts to serve him. When Plaintiff receives the USM-285 forms from the Marshal, he must provide more information in order to identify defendant Martierie, such as a first name and/or badge number or a physical description or the shif and location and time and date of the incident. The information shall be sued only for purposes of effectuating service and any documentation of the address shall be retained only by the Marshal. Address information shall not be maintained in the court file nor disclosed by the Marshal. Mailed notice (hp, ) (Entered: 06/09/2011)

06/10/2011 ALIAS Summons Issued one original and one copy and one copy of amended complaint along with two certified copies of minute order dated 6/8/2011 as to defendant Officer Martierie to the U.S. Marshal's Office for service. (hp, ) (Entered: 06/10/2011)

06/13/2011 27 MOTION by Plaintiff Ronald Harris for appointment of counsel (Exhibit) (hp, ) (Entered: 06/14/2011)

06/13/2011 28 MEMORANDUM by Ronald Harris of law in support of his motion for the appointment of counsel 27 (hp, ) (Entered: 06/14/2011)

06/13/2011 29 AFFIDAVIT by Plaintiff Ronald Harris in Support of his motion for appointment of counsel 27 (hp, ) (Entered: 06/14/2011)

06/13/2011 30 NOTICE of filing by Ronald Harris re MOTION by Plaintiff Ronald Harris to appoint counsel 27 , memorandum in support of motion [ 28] (hp, ) (Entered: 06/14/2011)

06/14/2011 31 NOTICE of Correction regarding notice of filing 30 . The incorrect file date was entered. (hp, ) (Entered: 06/14/2011)

06/16/2011 32 MINUTE entry before Honorable John W. Darrah: Status hearing and ~~ruling on motion hearing held~~ Plaintiff's motion for appointment of counsel is granted 27 . The Court appoints Randall Lee Oyler, Barack, Ferrazzano, Kirschbaum, Perlman & Nagelberg, 333 West Wacker Drive, Suite 2700, Chicago, Il., 60606, (312) 984-3100, Email: randall.oyler@bfkpn.com, to represent the plaintiff. Status hearing date of 8/24/11, stated on the record, is re-set to 8/30/11 at 9:30 a.m. The Court will also appoint Mr. Oyler in two other related cases by the plaintiff, 11 C 379, Harris v. Dart, and 11 C 380, Harris v. Dart. Mailed notice (hp, ) (Entered: 06/20/2011)

07/01/2011 33 SUMMONS Returned Unexecuted by U.S. Marshals Service as to Officer Martierie. (hp, ) (Entered: 07/05/2011)

11 C 0379 (Judge Darrah)

03/31/2011 12 MINUTE entry before Honorable John W. Darrah: Plaintiff has paid the \$350 filing fee. His motion for an extension of time to pay 6 is denied as unnecessary. The clerk is directed to issue summonses of the complaint, through the U.S. Marshal's Service, on Tom Dart, Salvador Godinez, Chester Plexico, Lieutenant Blunt, and Cook County. The Clerk shall also forward to Plaintiff instructions for filing documents and a magistrate judge consent form. Mailed notice [For further details see minute order.](ea, ) (Entered: 04/04/2011)

04/04/2011 SUMMONS issued, five originals and five copies, five copies of complaint and two certified copies of minute order dated 3/31/11 to the U.S. Marshal's Office for service as to Defendants Lt. Blunt, County Of Cook, Thomas J Dart, Salvador Godinez, Chester Plexico. (ea, ) (Entered: 04/04/2011)

04/04/2011 MAILED instructions for filing documents and a magistrate judge consent from along with a copy of an order dated 3/31/11 to Ronald Harris. (ea, ) (Entered: 04/04/2011)

04/29/2011 13 SUMMONS Returned Executed by U.S. Marshals Service as to Lt. Blunt on 4/27/2011, answer due 5/18/2011. (ea, ) (Entered: 05/03/2011)

04/29/2011 14 SUMMONS Returned Executed by U.S. Marshals Service as to Chester Plexico on 4/27/2011, answer due 5/18/2011. (ea, ) (Entered: 05/03/2011)

04/29/2011 15 SUMMONS Returned Executed by U.S. Marshals Service as to Salvador Godinez on 4/27/2011, answer due 5/18/2011. (ea, ) (Entered: 05/03/2011)

05/09/2011 17 SUMMONS Returned Executed by U.S. Marshals Service as to Thomas J Dart on 5/6/2011, answer due 5/27/2011. (ea, ) (Entered: 05/18/2011)

05/12/2011 16 SUMMONS Returned Executed by U.S. Marshals Service as to County Of Cook on 5/10/2011, answer due 5/31/2011. (ea, ) (Entered: 05/16/2011)

05/27/2011 18 ATTORNEY Appearance for Defendants Lt. Blunt, County Of Cook, Thomas J Dart, Salvador Godinez, Chester Plexico by Lilianna Maria Kalin (Kalin, Lilianna) (Entered: 05/27/2011)

05/27/2011 19 MOTION by Defendants Lt. Blunt, County Of Cook, Thomas J Dart, Salvador Godinez, Chester Plexico for extension of time to file answer (Kalin, Lilianna) (Entered: 05/27/2011)

05/27/2011 20 NOTICE of Motion by Lilianna Maria Kalin for presentment of motion for extension of time to file answer 19 before Honorable John W. Darrah on 6/2/2011 at 09:30 AM. (Kalin, Lilianna) (Entered: 05/27/2011)

05/31/2011 21 MINUTE entry before Honorable John W. Darrah: Defendants' motion for



an extension of time to answer 19 is granted to 7/12/11. Status hearing set for 8/30/11 at 9:30 a.m. Mailed notice(maf) (Entered: 05/31/2011)

06/20/2011 22 MINUTE entry before Honorable John W. Darrah: The Court having granted plaintiff's motion for appointment of counsel in the lead related case, 10 C 6666, Harris v. Dart, the Court will appoint the same attorney to represent the plaintiff in plaintiffs two related cases, 11 C 379, Harris v. Dart, and 11 C 380, Harris v. Dart. The Court appoints: Randall Lee Oyler, Barack, Ferrazzano, Kirschbaum, Perlman & Nagelberg, 333 West Wacker Drive, Suite 2700, Chicago, IL, 60606, (312) 984-3100, Email: randall.oyler@bfkpn.com, to represent the plaintiff. Status hearing set for 8/30/11 at 9:30 a.m. Mailed notice (ea, ) (Entered: 06/21/2011)

07/12/2011 23 ANSWER to Complaint with Jury Demand by Lt. Blunt, County Of Cook, Thomas J Dart, Salvador Godinez, Chester Plexico(Kalin, Lilianna) (Entered: 07/12/2011)

07/12/2011 24 NOTICE by Lt. Blunt, County Of Cook, Thomas J Dart, Salvador Godinez, Chester Plexico re answer to complaint 23 (Kalin, Lilianna) (Entered: 07/12/2011)

11 C 0380 (Judge Darrah)

03/28/2011 10 MINUTE entry before Honorable John W. Darrah: The plaintiff's motion for an extension of time 6 is granted. The plaintiff is granted an enlargement of time until April 18, 2011, to pay the full \$350 filing fee.Mailed notice (lp, ) (Entered: 03/31/2011)

03/28/2011 11 MINUTE entry before Honorable John W. Darrah: The plaintiff having paid the statutory filing fee, his motion for an extension of time 6 is denied as moot. The clerk is directed to issue summonses for service on the defendants by the U.S. Marshal. The clerk is further directed to send the plaintiff a Magistrate Judge Consent Form and Instructions for Submitting Documents along with a copy of this order. [For further details see Written Opinion.]Mailed notice (lp, ) (Entered: 04/01/2011)

04/01/2011 SUMMONS Issued, 5 copies, 5 originals, 5 copies of complaint, 2 certified copies of the minute order dated 3/28/11 to the U.S. Marshal's Service for service as to Defendants Blunt, County Of Cook, Thomas J. Dart, Salvador Godinez, Chester Plexico. (lp, ) (Entered: 04/01/2011)

04/01/2011 MAILED a Magistrate Judge Consent Form and Instructions for Submitting Documents, and a copy of the minute order dated 3/28/2011 to plaintiff. (lp, ) (Entered: 04/01/2011)

04/29/2011 12 SUMMONS Returned Executed as to Salvador Godinez, on 4/27/2011, answer due 5/18/2011; Chester Plexico on 4/27/2011, answer due 5/18/2011; and Lt. Blunt on 4/27/2011, answer due 5/18/2011. (Attachments: # 1 # 2 (lp, ) (Entered: 05/03/2011)

05/09/2011 14 SUMMONS Returned Executed as to Thomas J. Dart on 5/6/2011, answer

due 5/27/2011. (lp, ) (Entered: 05/18/2011)

05/12/2011 13 SUMMONS Returned Executed as to County Of Cook on 5/10/2011, answer due 5/31/2011. (lp, ) (Entered: 05/13/2011)

05/27/2011 15 ATTORNEY Appearance for Defendants Blunt, County Of Cook, Thomas J. Dart, Salvador Godinez, Chester Plexico by Lilianna Maria Kalin (Kalin, Lilianna) (Entered: 05/27/2011)

05/27/2011 16 MOTION by Defendants Blunt, County Of Cook, Thomas J. Dart, Salvador Godinez, Chester Plexico for extension of time to file answer (Kalin, Lilianna) (Entered: 05/27/2011)

05/27/2011 17 NOTICE of Motion by Lilianna Maria Kalin for presentment of motion for extension of time to file answer 16 before Honorable John W. Darrah on 6/2/2011 at 09:30 AM. (Kalin, Lilianna) (Entered: 05/27/2011)

05/31/2011 18 MINUTE entry before Honorable John W. Darrah: Defendants' motion for an extension of time to answer 16 is granted to 7/12/11. Status hearing set for 8/30/11 at 9:30 a.m. Mailed notice(maf) (Entered: 05/31/2011)

06/20/2011 19 MINUTE entry before Honorable John W. Darrah: The Court having granted plaintiffs motion for appointment of counsel in the lead related case, 10 C 6666, Harris v. Dart, the Court will appoint the same attorney to represent the plaintiff in plaintiffs two related cases, 11 C 379, Harris v. Dart, and 11 C 380, Harris v. Dart. The Court appoints: Randall Lee Oyler, Barack Ferrazzano, Kirschbaum, Perlman & Nagelberg, 333 West Wacker Drive, Suite 2700, Chicago, IL, 60606, (312) 984-3100, Email: randall.oyler@bfkpn.com, to represent the plaintiff. Status hearing set for 8/30/11 at 9:30 a.m. Mailed notice (lp, ) (Entered: 06/20/2011)

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07/12/2011 21 NOTICE by Blunt, County Of Cook, Thomas J. Dart, Saivador Godinez, Chester Plexico re answer to complaint 20 (Kalin, Lilianna) (Entered: 07/12/2011)